

Journal of the Senate

TWENTIETH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, February 11, 2002—2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Dave Kerr.
The roll was called with thirty-eight senators present.
Senators Huelskamp and Jordan were excused.
Invocation by Chaplain Fred S. Hollomon:

Heavenly Father,
When controversial issues
Are the order of the day,
Tempers tend to flare
When things don't go our way.
When we are absolutely sure
That we are in the right,
And our opponents say we're wrong,
It's hard to be polite.
Anger is not sinful
If we don't abuse it.
In a way it's like money:
It's all in how we use it.

Jesus is the model
For Christians everywhere.
He, Himself, got angry,
But selectively and rare.

His anger was directed
At those in ivory towers
Who took advantage of
Outcasts with no power.

Help us not get angry, Lord,
Each time there is dissension.
If we blow our stack too often,
They no longer pay attention.
I ask this in the Name of Christ,

AMEN

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and resolution were introduced and read by title:

SB 552, An act concerning civil procedure; concerning child support; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 60-1610 and repealing the existing section, by Senator Jenkins.

SB 553, An act relating to property taxation; requiring the submission of a report concerning land devoted to agricultural use valuation procedures, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 554. An act relating to taxation; enacting the Kansas utility excise tax act; amending K.S.A. 12-1770a, 12-1774, 13-13a38, 79-34,148 and 79-3647 and K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-50,114, 74-8017, 74-8927, 74-8929, 74-8937, 74-8938, 79-34,147, 79-3602 and 82a-2101 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 12-189 and 13-13a39, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 555. An act concerning school districts; concerning a health care benefits program for school districts; amending K.S.A. 75-6504, 75-6505, 75-6506, 75-6508, 75-6509 and 75-6510 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Education.

SB 556. An act concerning agriculture; relating to sericea lespedeza; experiment research station at Toronto state park; amending K.S.A. 32-807 and repealing the existing section, by Senator Schmidt.

SB 557. An act concerning community developmental disability services; federal financial participation; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 39-1811 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 558. An act relating to insurance; providing coverage for expenses of clinical trials; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 40-2,103 and 40-19c09 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 559. An act concerning drivers licenses and other identification cards; relating to application requirements; fees; amending K.S.A. 8-240 and 8-1324 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 560. An act concerning controlled substances; relating to certain unlawful acts; penalties; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 65-4160 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 561. An act concerning the Kansas juvenile justice code; relating to juvenile corrections officers; training and powers and duties thereof; amending K.S.A. 38-1602 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 562. An act concerning the Kansas juvenile justice code; relating to modification of sentence; amending K.S.A. 38-1665 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 563. An act concerning the Kansas juvenile justice code; relating to juvenile offenders; custody of commissioner of juvenile justice; amending K.S.A. 38-1664 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Judiciary.

SB 564. An act concerning counties; relating to registers of deeds; allowing creation of a technology fund; amending K.S.A. 28-115 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Elections and Local Government.

SB 565. An act concerning the impact act; expanding the availability thereof; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 74-50,107 and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce.

SB 566. An act concerning the workers compensation act; relating to membership of advisory panel; adding a physical therapist; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 44-510i and repealing the existing section, by Committee on Commerce.

SB 567. An act concerning the Kansas turnpike authority; relating to tolls; amending K.S.A. 68-2004 and repealing the existing section, by Senator Haley.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1619—

By Committee on Ways and Means

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to enact legislation mandating country of origin labeling for meat and requiring certain import standards on foreign meat products.

WHEREAS, The American rancher and farmer face the most stringent environmental regulations in the world, and apply federal Food and Drug Administration approved pesticides, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals to further ensure the safety of American-produced and raised live animals, meat, dairy and related products; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the world's food supply has faced new threats in the form of food-borne illnesses and illness-causing organisms such as Salmonella, E. coli bacteria,

and *Listeria monocytogenes*, and including the emergence of antibiotic-resistant organisms associated with the contamination of the food supply; and

WHEREAS, The American livestock producer follows strict withdrawal periods and techniques for administering federal Food and Drug Administration-approved pesticides, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals before allowing livestock to be marketed and processed for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, Because imported live animals, meat, dairy and related products do not follow the same stringent environmental requirements, and foreign producers have the availability of pesticides, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals which are illegal for use in the United States, and foreign producers are not restricted on withdrawal periods nor administration techniques for pesticides, antibiotics and pharmaceuticals, it is reasoned that the importation of animals and animal products can be a threat to the safety and reliability of America's food supply; and

WHEREAS, A country of origin labeling system that embraces traceability and accountability will help ensure the safe consumption of meat products in America; and

WHEREAS, The taxpaying public of the United States has made an enormous investment in food safety and has the right to know where food is produced: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That we urge the United States Congress to enact legislation that mandates country of origin labeling for meat, and requires that products labeled as "U.S. Produced" be born, raised and processed completely in the United States; and

Be it further resolved: That any meat products imported into the United States meet all the same standards as those required on American-produced meat products; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Agriculture: **SB 548, SB 549.**

Education: **SB 551.**

Elections and Local Government: **SB 550.**

Judiciary: **SB 544.**

Utilities: **SB 545, SB 546, SB 547.**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

February 7, 2002

In accordance with the Kansas Health Occupations Credentialing Act (K.S.A. 65-5001, *et seq.*), Clyde D. Graeber, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, submitted final findings and recommendations to the Legislature on the application seeking licensure for naturopathic physicians. Also enclosed was a copy of the technical review committee's final report.

The President announced the above reports are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Senate and are available for review at any time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 399, SB 400, SB 412, SB 434, SB 443** be passed.

Committee on **Natural Resources** recommends **SB 473** be amended on page 1, in line 15, after "Toronto" by inserting "Lake"; in line 19, before "in" by inserting "Lake"; in line 38, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register";

In the title, in line 10, after "Toronto" by inserting "Lake"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Oleen the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2002.

HELEN A. MORELAND, *Journal Clerk*.

PAT SAVILLE, *Secretary of Senate*.

